

Redford Theatre Building

Address: 17354 Lahser

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Entrance to Redford Theatre



Historic Overview:

The Redford Theatre opened on January 27, 1928 just off Grand River Avenue in Northwest Detroit. The building has a three story grand foyer and full-size stage. A Barton Theatre Organ, one of only two original theatre organs left in the city, was installed during construction in what was then the era of silent films. The original Japanese motif and decorations of the interior were removed and or covered up during in the 1940's.

The Motor City Theatre Organ Society has made great progress in restoring the theatre. Countless hours of volunteer labor have helped to restore the Japanese motif. Major infrastructure improvements have been made as well. The theatre continues to show movies and leases out storefronts on the first floor. The second floor is used by The Detroit Filmmakers Coalition. More information about the restoration can be found at <http://theatreorgans.com/mi/redford/history/history.htm>.

